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**MASSIVE CLEANUP COLLABORATION TO HELP CENTRAL TEXAS HOMEOWNERS
RECOVER FROM WINTER STORM DAMAGE**

Austin, Texas, February 21, 2021 – Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN), Central Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (CTX VOAD) and the volunteer management platform; Crisis Clean Up are collaborating with the Counties of Bastrop, Hays, Travis, Williamson to include the cities of Austin and Round Rock in a massive “Clean Up” effort. This effort has begun today to assist Central Texans in clearing homes and removing debris as a result of the recent winter storm. Home owners who have few resources and abilities, will be able to request assistance in the removal of fallen trees, limbs, interiors of home water damage and other storm related damage.

Residents in Bastrop, Hays, Travis and Williamson counties can call the “Crisis Clean Up” toll free number at **1-800-329-8052** requesting assistance to clean up their home and/or debris. Home cleanups will take priority between the two. Client information will then be shared with a network of volunteer organizations. These organizations will coordinate cleanup with homeowners and will ultimately deploy their volunteers to homeowner locations to assist in clearing the debris and removing interior water/storm related damage.

“Hundreds of residents across the region have suffered tremendous damage during this past week of snow and ice,” said ADRN Executive Director Daniel Geraci. “Homes flooded as frozen pipes burst, and a several houses were damaged or lost in fires caused by space heaters. These are devastating circumstances and we can come together as a community to help these people recover and rebuild so they can return to safe and clean homes.”

The “Crisis Clean Up” line opens at 3 pm today, and will operate Monday-Saturday, 9 am – 8 pm, and Sunday, 1 pm – 6 pm. Homeowners can register for assistance through the “Crisis Clean Up” number for the next ten days until Tuesday, March 2.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Monetary donations, in the form of financial funds, are still needed at this time to help ADRN provide support to those who’ve experienced weather-related disasters. Funds will be distributed in the form of gift cards, emergency housing, and/or supplies needed to meet immediate and long-term needs.

To make a tax-deductible gift to support disaster survivors, go online to adrn.org/give and donate to the General Disaster Relief Fund or call ADRN’s Call Center at 512.806.0800.

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ABOUT ADRN

Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of more than 185 greater Austin churches and thousands of trained volunteers. ADRN's network enables church members to organize, prepare and respond quickly in the event of a disaster, large or small. ADRN network churches, volunteers, business partners, local agencies and community organizations provide in-kind and monetary donations and additional volunteer assistance that enable ADRN to fund the rebuild/repair of survivor homes and provide immediate assistance to those in crisis. Learn more at **ADRN.org**.

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